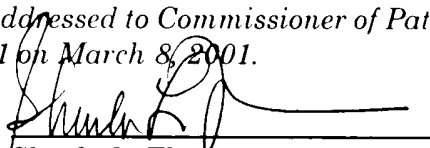




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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of December 8, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

With reference to FIG. 12, consider the U tube model of the present invention as shown in  
FIG. 12.